

## Message Text

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R 250120Z AUG 73

FM AMEMBASSY DACCA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0751

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AFIN, BG

SUBJECT: DOLLAR CURRENCY CONVERSION

REF: STATE 166765

### 1. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSTED REFTEL FOLLOW:

A) BDG STATE BANK REFUSED REQUEST AMEX BANK SELL DOLLAR CURRENCY EMBASSY ON GROUNDS ONLY QUOTE LICENSED DEALERS UNQUOTE ARE AUTHORIZED BUY OR SELL CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY. SIX NATIONALIZED BANKS AND THREE FOREIGN BANKS NOW ONLY AUTHORIZED DEALERS. AMEX OFFICIAL STATES HE NOTED TO STATE BANK OFFICIAL THAT US AND OTHER EMBASSIES HAD OPTION BRING CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY INTO BANGLADESH VIA DIPLOMATIC MAIL. OFFICIAL REPLIED IN EFFECT THAT IS THEIR BUSINESS BUT BANK WILL NOT AUTHORIZE EMBASSIES ENGAGE IN COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES.

B) SWAP DEAL CONCLUDED AUGUST 20 WITH TRANSFER SOME 35 MILLION TAKA IN USOD DA CA ACCOUNT (DACCA 3739).

C) PRESENT ESTIMATE DOLLAR REQUIREMENTS SOME THREE THOUSAND PER QUARTER. THIS ESTIMATE CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN ESTIMATE CONTAINED DACCA 3550 SINCE EMBASSY RECENTLY OBTAINED AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVELERS CHECKS FOR SALE BY COMMISSARY ASSOCIATION THUS ESTIMATE OF CASH REQUIREMENTS ADJUSTED DOWNWARDS.

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2. EMBASSY AND AMEX STILL PLAN APPROACH BDG FOR  
AUTHORIZATION LOCAL PURCHASE DOLLARS. UNTIL THIS  
ACCOMPLISHED EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT  
AUTHORIZING BANGKOK ACCOMMODATE SEMI-ANNUAL REQUESTS  
FOR DOLLARS VIA COURIER POUCH.  
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